



# Winterton Community Academy

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31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to the government announcement on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020, I am writing to advise you of the arrangements for the start of term and to provide you with our anticipated return dates for students and when they will be expected to access remote learning materials and lessons.

As a result, please be aware of the following changes to school opening for the week effective 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** School remains closed to all students.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** School will be closed to all students, to allow for training and preparation for testing procedures.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January:** School will only be open to accommodate the children of key-workers. This will be in the form of isolated year group bubbles. Please inform the school office if you wish to access this provision. You can do this by email at [reception@wintertoncommunityacademy.co.uk](mailto:reception@wintertoncommunityacademy.co.uk) or by telephone 01724 732 777.

Please also note that between Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 students will access their learning via online zoom lessons.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** School will be open to Year 11 only for normal lesson provision. All other students will be expected to access an online timetable delivered by zoom. These lessons will follow your child's normal timetable and further information will be sent next week.

School will continue to be open to accommodate the children of key-workers. This will continue to be in the form of isolated year group bubbles. Please inform the school office if you wish to access this provision. During this time, students will be able to access the online 'zoom' provision from school along with the rest of their class.

**From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January:**

We anticipate that during this week, we will have in place a schedule of testing, whereby students will be required to attend school. We are still awaiting further details from the government and we will therefore communicate further with you during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January.

You have received, with my previous letter, a formal letter taken from the government guidance, along with a consent form should you wish for your child to engage in the process of asymptomatic testing. Please take the time to read this guidance and the attached consent form. If you require a hard copy of this form, they will be available from reception from w/c 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** It is anticipated that, subject to effective testing procedures, all students will be returning to school from this date. We will communicate further to clarify in due course.

I would like to thank you for your continued patience in this matter in an ever-changing landscape and following regular changes in government policy and guidance. We will continue to do everything that we

can to ensure that the school remains a safe and positive environment for all students and staff and we will prioritise a return to normal operating procedures as soon as it is safe to do so.

Wishing you a safe and happy 2021.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Rowlands', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

K Rowlands  
Headteacher